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Magnetic Disk Device Having a

Slider Using the Same

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AMENDMENT "B" AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final official action dated October 19, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as set forth herein.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.